

AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

SUTTON STILL THE CHAMPION

Administers a Terrific Defeat to Hoppe at 18.2 Billiards.

YOUNGSTER NOT IN FORM

Sutton Challenges Hoppe to Defend His Title as Champion of 18.1 Billiards.

NEW YORK, December 18.—The 18.2 billiard championship match was won by Sutton in the nineteenth inning, the score being Sutton 590, and Hoppe 258.

George Sutton still holds the world's championship at 18.2 ball line billiards, having to-night successfully defended the title which he won from George Brown a few months ago against the challenge of Willie Hoppe, who holds the world's championship at the 18.1 game.

The contest, which took place in the big hall of the Grand Central Palace, was rather disappointing, as young Hoppe did not play up to the standard expected of him. He was the favorite, but from the beginning seemed to be off in his play, and in only two innings did he show anything like championship form.

Sutton jumped into the lead at the start, and with 107 and 50 in the first two innings, secured an advantage which the younger player could not overcome. Sutton was in fine form, but at times he seemed ill at ease.

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WOKE UP TO FIND BALLOON IN HIS YARD

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 18.—Malcolm Armstrong, of Spotsylvania County, who went out to his barn Saturday morning, shortly after daybreak, found a balloon in his yard, which had fallen during the night. It was of considerable size, and evidently had come from a long distance. The wind that night was blowing from the direction of Richmond.

TOO MANY RUBIES CAUSE TROUBLE

Long Shot, with Jeweled Name, Won—May Be An Imitation.

NEW ORLEANS, December 18.—The victory of Red Ruby in the first race at City Park today raised a puzzling question in the track officials' minds. It was difficult to decide if it was claimed by several persons that there are two Red Rubies, and that today's winner was not the Red Ruby his owner claimed him to be.

Summary:

First race—six furlongs—Red Ruby (9 to 1) first, Mr. Scott (12 to 1) second, Knight (4 to 1) third. Time, 1:20 3/4.

Second race—five and a half furlongs—Expect To See (5 to 1) first, John Kaufman (5 to 1) second, Billy Vertices (4 to 1) third. Time, 1:12 1/4.

Third race—five and a half furlongs—Landmark—Mortimer (9 to 2) first, Monet (7 to 5) second, Gild (4 to 1) third. Time, 1:20 1/4.

Fourth race—five and a half furlongs—Sir Tordington (7 to 5) first, Beau Brunel (6 to 1) second, Pompadour (12 to 1) third. Time, 1:20 3/4.

Fifth race—six furlongs—Rickey (5 to 1) first, Kierwood (11 to 1) second, Dalbert (11 to 1) third. Time, 1:12.

Sixth race—mile and an eighth—Lucky Charm (9 to 1) first, Pullen (7 to 1) second, Colonel Bartlett (12 to 1) third. Time, 2:01 1/4.

Danilo Hoffman and Ira Thomas, of the Yankee, are spending the winter in New York, and have daily training here with Malloch, and Secretary also Malloch and Malloch on "get back a few."

Times Course is very much pleased over his engagement as a jockey. It will allow him to spend most of his time throughout the entire year with "the team" in New York. It is not beyond the bounds of reason to expect that Hoffman will play a prominent part in the New York season.

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Portsmouth Team Wins

Final Standing in Series of Games for Championship at Duck Pins—Meyers Won Individual High Score.

Portsmouth was ahead when the sixth and last game of the championship series of duckpins finished on Williams's alley Monday night. Captain Meyers, of

Players:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Kahn, Captain	103	85	99	102	93	84
Whitman	109	84	106	85	105	97
Atkinson	93	85	95	93	97	104
Smith	101	85	105	97	91	104
Warren	93	115	103	89	73	92
Total	485	457	502	419	459	478

Players:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Meyers, Captain	123	123	107	114	89	85
McAuley	94	75	100	82	70	76
Vaughan	90	80	86	99	86	81
Both	107	101	85	86	104	97
Wilson	77	82	90	76	89	94
Total	497	474	469	453	423	437

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Gavara, Captain	93	91	114	89	80	95
Subank	78	86	83	88	83	101
Eck	109	88	98	88	85	80
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Time of game—Three hours and forty-five minutes. Umpires—Elmore and Savia. Judge—Coleman. Scorekeepers—Martin, Jennings and Thomas.

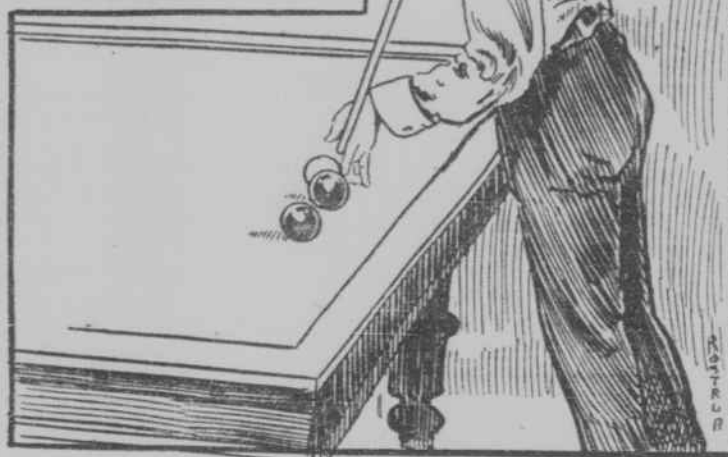
GREATEST CUE ARTISTS IN CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH



GEORGE SUTTON, OF CHICAGO.

In the match played last night for the 18.2 billiard championship George Sutton, of Chicago, retained his title, defeating Willie Hoppe, the boy wonder, in the nineteenth innings. The score was:

Sutton, - - - 500
Hoppe, - - - 258



WILLIE HOPPE, OF NEW YORK.

CITIES TO FORM "OUTLAW" LEAGUE

Richmond, Petersburg, Newport News and Emporia to Have Teams in Field.

DIAMOND AT RESERVOIR

Park Will Be Fitted Up So As to Accommodate Several Thousand People.

Richmond, Petersburg, Newport News and Emporia will compose an independent or "outlaw" league in Virginia next year. Baseball clubs will be established in each of the cities, and the league will be permanently organized with a few weeks.

The ball grounds in Richmond will be at the reservoir. A fence will be built around the ball grounds, and a grandstand and bleachers. Emporia also has a splendid park. Newport News officials are now working for the making of a park there.

The independent league will be composed mostly of Virginia, and will have some of the best players in the South. The establishment of the league will be the work of the managers of the Virginia League to pay better salaries and to secure better players for the different teams.

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MASTERS OF FOXHOUNDS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

More Organized and Recognized Fox Hunt Clubs in Virginia Than in Rest of United States.

Mr. Harry W. Smith, M. F. H., Grafton Hunt, has sent the following letter to M. F. H.'s throughout the country:

Dear Sir: It is unnecessary for me to explain to you the necessity of forming a Masters of Foxhounds Association of America. In the interests of fox-hunting it is asked that you give a little time to this matter, and you will readily see that when such an association is formed every master of hounds throughout America will feel that his rights will be thoroughly protected by the association.

The National Steeplechase and Hunt Association, which for the last four or five years has asked for the country hunt by each master, wrote me through their secretary, Mr. H. G. Critchmore, on December 14, 1906, as follows:

"At a meeting of the stewards of the association held at the office of the club, Windsor Arcade, at 230 P. M., Wednesday, December 13th, I was instructed to inform you that the stewards of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association cannot directly or indirectly designate or regulate the country over which the various packs, already recognized, should hunt."

It is only fitting now that the hunting countries of the different masters and different clubs should have a club of their own to settle all disputes, as the work of the masters of Foxhounds Club of England shows that an association of that character is best fitted to take up the work.

I am enclosing you a copy of the constitution and by-laws of the Masters of Foxhounds Association of America, also a rough outline of the by-laws and constitution of what is deemed wise by a number of masters as a start for the Masters of Foxhounds Association of America.

If you or your club being interested in hunting the English or American foxhounds find that you desire to join, kindly fill out the enclosed blanks and return to us.

The preliminary organization of the constitution and by-laws shall be subject to acceptance by the members of the club at the first annual meeting, to be held at a suitable time and place to be announced later.

If for any reason your club does not desire to join the Masters of Foxhounds Association, kindly state that fact.

Your prompt advice will greatly oblige. Yours very truly,

M. F. H., Grafton Hounds.

The proposed constitution and by-laws of the Masters of Foxhounds Association contain among other articles the following:

The object is, by aid of the masters of foxhounds, to improve foxhounds and encourage judicious breeding.

To hold field trials for pack of hounds to test their field qualities.

The executive committee of the club shall appoint a committee of three (3) to take charge of the field trials.

To receive and keep for future reference maps of the different fox and drag hunting countries of America, and settle all disputes in regard to the same by a committee to be known as the hunt country committee of nine, three to constitute a quorum.

Any master of the association shall be eligible to be a member of the hunt country committee, provided he has been a master of fox or draghounds for three years.

The Hunt Country Committee shall receive, file and keep for future reference maps of all hunting countries, and shall

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Sam Fitzpatrick, Johnson's manager, was told by Rickard that Jeffries had agreed to fight, and he is now ready to fix up the Johnson end of the arrangement. Fitzpatrick wants Jeffries to talk over the terms of the battle by telegraph between this city and Los Angeles.

The return to the ring of the champion was not altogether unexpected, for he has been flirting with matchmakers of one kind or another for nearly a year. The only thing that kept him from donning the mitts was the fact that he could find no suitable opponent. He had time after time refused to talk fight with Johnson, saying he barred him on account of his color.

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ARENA ENLARGED.

Bostock's Preparing for Big Christmas Crowds.

Bostock's Wild Animal Arena in Idlewood is being enlarged for the crowds Christmas week. A balcony, with a seating capacity of 1,000 persons is being constructed in the rear of the building. The management has also arranged for a new and much larger program next week. The steps to the balcony will be fixed so as to assist the little folks in mounting the elephants, dromedaries and camels for their free rides in the intermissions in both the afternoon and night performances.

In addition to these changes the seating places on the ground floor are being altered to make room for a hippodrome track all round the interior of the building. This will be used by the elephants, camels and dromedaries in their promenade with the children on their backs.

Patrons of the arena need have no hesitancy in starting to the place in bad weather, as the cars stop under a covered walk, and there is no danger of getting wet.

Richmonders in New York.

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TOP PRIZES NOT AFTER 86 BOUTS

Boxing Bee Is Cutting Up Franks in Manager Riley's Bonnet and Keeps Him Busy.

\$50,000 FOR THREE EVENTS

Wants Three Great Championship Fights in One Day—Temporary Hotels to Be Built.

TONOPAH, Nev., December 17.—Manager Mike Riley, of the Casino Athletic Club, has the promoting bee in his bonnet. With one world's championship contest framed up and well on the way to a final decision, Riley is planning a fight carnival for the coming spring that will set the pugilistic world by the ears. If the deal now on tap goes through, Tonopah will make the other centers of pugilism look like a postage stamp.

The scheme is just this—three world's championship contests in one day between the greatest men in their respective divisions. The fights are to include the heavy, light and featherweight divisions, and the purse for